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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

August 23, 2001

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I urge you to approve AT&T's request to merge with T-Mobile, a matter currently under review in the Federal Communications Commission's 11-65 docket. I believe the results of this merger could assist Dixon, Illinois, in staying competitive in the modern economic market. Our Chamber Board of Directors unanimously passed a Support Resolution in favor of this merger request at its August Board Meeting.

The expanded 4G LTE service that would result from a merged AT&T and T-Mobile has exciting implications for Dixon. The faster speeds and increased reliability provided by this network would enable quality-of-life improvements for residents here and across the country.

As President and CEO of the Dixon Area Chamber of Commerce, I am particularly interested in the positive impact this merger could have on our business community. Because 4G LTE technology offers unmatched speed, it can dramatically improve the ease and quality of business communications. Moreover, because the network would utilize a greater density of cell towers, it would offer service that is far less likely to falter. Increases in efficiency, accompanied by cost savings, are a likely result.

Our businesses would also enjoy the opportunity to mobilize operations. Mobilizing assets, particularly when combined with telecommuting practices, would allow business owners and employees to remain connected with colleagues and clients without being confined to an office.

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These benefits are appealing to businesses and employees alike. The new capabilities presented by this merger would increase Dixon's appeal to both existing and potential businesses. On behalf of Dixon's business community, I urge you to approve the AT&T/T-Mobile merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J R Thompson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John R. Thompson  
President and CEO, Dixon Area Chamber of Commerce  
Dixon, Illinois

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